

Efforts for Sustainable Coexistence with Society

Basic Approach

The SBI Group has contributed in the maintenance and development of society, while seeking harmony with various stakeholders as a constituent member of society. The basis for this approach is not the profit motive, but rather a belief in contributing to a society that is fair, comfortable, environmentally friendly and safe. In keeping with this belief, the Group aspires to be a strong and respected company, that not only pursues commercialization opportunities and practices that uphold the principle of social justice, but also actively engages in direct social contribution activities. This page introduces the main points of the SBI Group's efforts in contributing to the solving of social challenges under such policies.

Toward the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which form the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the United Nations in 2015, are attracting increasing interest in Japan and abroad as goals to be pursued by the global community. SDGs require government agencies, companies and citizens to join together to address issues that the global

community faces, such as climate change, economic inequality, sustainable consumption/production, peace, etc.

Since its establishment, the SBI Group has sought to fulfill its corporate social responsibility, and contribute to the maintenance and development of society through the active pursuit of CSR activities, which subscribes to the goals set forth in the SDGs. The Group will continue to embrace the SDGs and respect other international norms, and always engage in business activities from a global perspective.



Main Areas	Example Efforts	Social Challenges (SDGs)
<p>Contributing to society through main business activities:</p> <p>By conscientiously recognizing the challenges facing the global society, we will contribute to the realization of a sustainable society through our businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing directly to regional revitalization by promoting local economic stimulation (➔ page 20) Contributing to the fostering of new industries and technological innovation Contributing to the medical and healthcare needs of people through the Biotechnology-related Business Efforts toward solving poverty in emerging nations Propagation of renewable energy and regional development 	
<p>Direct social contribution:</p> <p>We will contribute to the maintenance and development of society through direct social contribution activities, by returning profits gained through our businesses to society.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing to health management Through its partnership with and support of the Tokyo International Clinic, SBI Wellness Bank contributes proactively to health management in the three areas of prevention, treatment and age management. Support for abused children (SBI Children's Hope Foundation) <p>For details, please visit our website: https://www.sbigroup.co.jp/csr/childwelfare.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurturing talented individuals through the SBI Graduate School, so they may energize the economy and society in Japan, and around the world 	
<p>Enhancement of management foundation:</p> <p>We aspire to become a company with "Corporate Virtue," through the appropriate and effective execution of our businesses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening corporate governance (➔ page 38) Risk management (➔ page 44) Securing and nurturing talented individuals (➔ page 46) Environmental conservation initiatives (➔ page 49) 	

Examples of Contributing to Society through Business

Contributing to Regional Economies through Solving the Challenges Facing Regional Financial Institutions



Regional financial institutions are expected to continue facing challenging circumstances in the business environment, owing to the prolongation of a negative interest rate policy, the emergence of new financial services as a result of technological innovation, and the acceleration of a declining population owing to demographic aging. The SBI Group has established close relationships with regional financial institutions over the past three years, and will further advance the co-creation of value with these institutions moving forward. In addition to shared use of various systems and ATMs, projects that support regional financial institutions in order to contribute to regional revitalization, including backing for nationwide implementation of business operations through the use of fintech, and the pursuit of other efforts that strengthen the earning capacity of regional financial institutions will be implemented. If the asset management capabilities and product development capabilities of regional financial institutions improve as a result of the utilization of the SBI Group's wide-ranging operational resources, these institutions will be able to contribute to a steady asset formation by local residents. If this in turn stimulates consumption and investment by local residents, it will lead to a revitalization of the regional economies. In this way, through its support for regional financial institutions, the SBI Group will contribute to the creation of a virtuous cycle that will contribute to regional revitalization.

Contributing to the Fostering of New Industries and Technological Innovation



One of the SBI Group's corporate missions is to become a "New Industry Creator," therefore we are engaged in the investment business to achieve this mission. Ever since the Group was founded, we have made focused investments in growth sectors that will become the next-generation core industries, such as IT, biotechnology, environment and energy, fintech, AI and blockchain. In particular, in the IT sector, where technological advancements are rapid, we have set up funds that target key investment sectors in response to changes in the times and technology. We started in the 1990s with investments in U.S. Internet-related companies, and in 2000 we set up a venture capital fund that was the largest in Japan at the time (¥150.5 billion in total commitment amount), contributing to the development of many domestic Internet-related companies. Since then, we have continued to invest in and support companies involved in businesses such as communications infrastructure, mobile communications, smartphones, fintech, AI and blockchain. On the other hand, we entered the biotechnology sector in 2003, investing in a drug discovery startup company, as well as engaging in support activities, and have since set up multiple funds that support companies involved in the life science, healthcare and biotechnology fields.

In this way, we are actively assisting companies that will shape the society of the future, and contribute to the fostering of new industries and technological innovations.

Helping to Meet Medical and Healthcare Needs through the Biotechnology-related Business



Since worldwide interest in medicine and healthcare has grown, the SBI Group established its presence in the biotechnology sector in

2003 by investing in and supporting companies in this sector, and have since established multiple funds to invest in and nurture promising startup companies that will meet the needs of the life science, healthcare and biotechnology fields. We will continue to actively invest in this field, as interest is further heightened, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SBI Group is also involved in bio-related business operations. In addition to having supported the creation of pioneering medical and pharmaceutical products at the forefront of biotechnology, we contribute to people's health and beauty through the development and sale of medical, health and cosmetic products containing 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA).

Solving Poverty in Emerging Countries



SBI Social Lending uses crowdfunding to help solve poverty in emerging nations. For instance, through the SBISL Cambodia Micro-finance Loan Fund operated by SBI Social Lending, financing is made available to businesses that provide small loans and other microfinance services to the poor and low-income segments of the population in Cambodia. Many of Cambodia's poor earn income through occupations such as farming, raising livestock or selling produce. Even when they want to obtain financing to expand their businesses, they are unable to access the financial services of banks or insurance companies, so we are assisting people like this to boost their income by providing them with small-sum financial services.

In addition, the SBISL Cambodia Mobility Loan Fund implements financing for IoT-enabled automotive sales business operations of the borrower, and its Cambodian subsidiary. By installing an IoT terminal in the vehicle, it becomes possible to manage engine operations through remote control, which is an effective deterrent that leads to reduced loan recovery risk. Demand for used vehicles is rapidly expanding in Cambodia, in line with its economic growth, but the distribution of improperly maintained vehicles has been a cause of traffic accidents. In order to solve this issue, the borrower and its Cambodian subsidiary are contributing to the development of a healthy mobility market for Cambodia, by promoting the expansion of high-quality vehicle inspections and maintenance.

Propagation of Renewable Energy and Regional Development



As power generation from renewable energy sources increases worldwide, the effective implementation of regional resources such as solar, wind, geothermal, small-scale hydropower and biomass is attracting interest in Japan, as a crucial presence for future regional economies. In addition to solar power, SBI Energy is developing solar sharing operations (farming-type solar power generation) that generates solar power on farmland, while agricultural activities continue, as well as small-scale hydropower and biomass power generation. Through power generation business operations like these, we are engaging in regional economic revitalization by promoting the use of local resources and natural energy. This helps increase energy self-sufficiency rates, contributing to regional sustainability through local production for local consumption.